

THE ORDER FOR THE SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGE

FORASMUCH AS MARRIAGE IS A SACRED RELATION, THE GROUND OF HUMAN FELLOWSHIP AND SOCIETY, AND MOST PRECIOUS TO MANKIND; ALTHOUGH IT BE NOT A SACRAMENT NOR PECULIAR TO THE CHURCH OF CHRIST, IT IS PROPER THAT IT BE SOLEMNIZED BY A LAWFUL MINISTER, THAT HE MAY GIVE COUNSEL FROM THE WORD OF GOD TO THOSE ENTERING HOLY WEDLOCK AND INVOKE THE DIVINE BLESSING UPON THEM.

THE PERSONS TO BE MARRIED SHALL PRESENT THEMSELVES BEFORE THE MINISTER, THE WOMAN STANDING AT THE LEFT HAND OF THE MAN. THEN, ALL PRESENT REVERENTLY STANDING, THE MINISTER SHALL SAY,

DEARLY beloved, we are assembled here in the presence of God, to join this Man and this Woman in holy Marriage; which is instituted of God, regulated by His commandments, blessed by our Lord Jesus Christ, and to be held in honour among all men. Let us therefore reverently remember

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